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**Chief Samuel. F. Patterson**

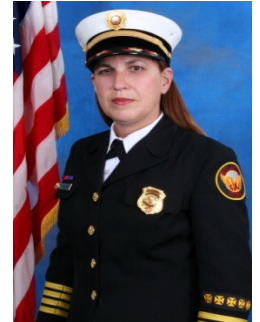
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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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**RIVERDALE, GA** --On January 10, 2012, Riverdale City Manager Iris Jessie announced the appointment of B. Nishiyama Willis as the first female Fire Chief in Riverdale's 104 year history.



Prior to her appointment as the Fire Chief in Riverdale, Willis served as the Deputy Fire Chief of Airport Operations with the Atlanta Fire-Rescue Department and has over 33 years of experience in the fire service. She supervised the Airport Division that includes Airport Administrative Services, Airport Training, Airport Inspections, Airport Emergency Medical Services, Three Command Teams and 5 Fire Companies comprised of nearly 232 firefighters, officers and civilians. She managed 23 million dollars in the Airport Enterprise Fund.

"Our entire city management team is excited to welcome Chief Willis to the Riverdale team," said City Manager Iris Jessie. "She has shown incredible passion and experience for the position, and we are confident she will lead the department to new heights as it serves our growing community."

Chief Willis holds a Bachelor of Science in Fire Administration, and is matriculating credits towards her Master of Science in Public Administration at Georgia State University. She is an adjunct faculty member with the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland and is a highly sought after lecturer, nationwide. Chief Willis is also an adjunct instructor at Dekalb Technical College and a certified fire instructor at the Georgia State Fire Academy.

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### **About Riverdale**

Riverdale, Georgia, is unique by nature. As one of the fastest-growing cities in Clayton County, Georgia, Riverdale has a current population of more than 15,000. Incorporated in 1908, the city is located 15 minutes south of the Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport.